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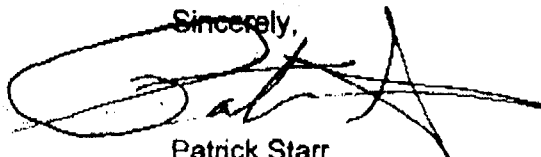
Dear Ms. Hesse:

My comments are to be directed for public commentary in U.S. vs. Microsoft's settlement phase. I support the settlement because it is time, after four years, to end this dispute in the American courts system. The important issues have been addressed in this settlement, and continuing this dispute for another year or two would not serve justice nor the American economy, which benefits from a strong presence by Microsoft Corporation.

Microsoft has been the world's leader in the development of innovative software because of its strong competitive nature and the brilliant people who work hard to stay in front of the competition. This antitrust case acts to keep some of the issues involved in the rapid growth of information technologies in check. That much of it is healthy to the process of growth. But there comes a point when detaining a vibrant company like Microsoft in the courts system beyond a reasonable time becomes burdensome to its viability in a harsh, competitive climate.

I hope this settlement obtains permission to be enacted and that this antitrust action is put to rest. It would ultimately serve the best interests of all involved, including Microsoft's competitors. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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